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1. POPULAR GERMAN PAPER BILD AM SONTAG, EDITOR WERNER KAHL, BEGAN 3-PART SERIALIZATION RE ALLEGED WWII TREASURE (AS PER PARA 2 REF A) ON 2 JUNE. ACTUAL AUTHORS OF SERIES ARE JUERGEN BUNGERT AND ARMIN WALTER.

2. SECOND INSTALLMENT 9 JUNE ENDS WITH BOLD ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FINAL INSTALLMENT TO CONTAIN INFO RE TREASURE AS OBTAINED FROM NEWLY DISCOVERED U.S. RECORDS IN WASHINGTON. THIRD INSTALLMENT, 16 JUNE, ENDS ON WEAK NOTE, HOWEVER, WITH ALLEGED PARTIAL DIRECT QUOTE FROM UNSPECIFIED U. S. DOCUMENT WHICH SUPPOSEDLY SEEN OR GOTTEN BY BILD AM SONNTAG REP AT NATIONAL ARCHIVES WASH. CONCLUDING PARA ALSO GIVES DIRECT QUOTE OF STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO OFFICIALS OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES. NO U. S. DOC REPRODUCTION

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TO FINISH ARTICLE ABRUPTLY WITH A LETDOWN. U. S. NOT CRITICIZED
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